Abolition of manual scavenging

†1289. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that scavenging is still prevalent in various States of the country;

(b) the number of persons convicted or penalty imposed against them so far under the Employment of Manual Scavengers and Construction of Dry Latrines (Prohibition) Act, 1993; and

(c) whether Government have any such information that how many persons are still engaged in this inhuman work in different States of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA) (a) Yes, Sir. Manual Scavenging still exists in some parts of the country.

(b) and (c) In order to stop the practice of manual scavenging the Parliament has enacted Employment of Manual Scavengers and Construction of Dry Latrines (Prohibition) Act, 1993 which provides for penalties for contravention of the provisions of the Act. This Act has been adopted by the States of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Goa, Haryana, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Orissa, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttaranchal, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. J&K has not adopted this act as so far. States of Arunachal Pradesh, Kerala, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland and Sikkim have not adopted the act but have stated that there are no dry latrines. States of Rajasthan and Himachal Pradesh have their own legislation on the subject. Details of prosecutions which come under the purview of the respective State Governments are, however, not maintained in this Ministry. The Government of India implements a Self Employment Scheme for Rehabilitation of Manual Scavengers (SRMS) which aims at rehabilitation of manual scavengers who at any point of time, were engaged in manual scavenging and are yet to be assisted for rehabilitation. As per the scheme, there were 3,42,468 such persons, which included their dependents also.

Relocation of displaced people in Delhi

†1290. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of families/people who have been displaced for converting Delhi into world class city;

(b) whether Government have any plans for their relocation;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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